



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/238,510	01/27/1999	JAMES A. DITCH	60578-0154	6203

7590 07/11/2003
CONRAD J. CLARK
CLARK & BRODY
1750 K STREET NW
SUITE 600
WASHINGTON, DC 20006

EXAMINER

GORDON, STEPHEN T

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

3612

DATE MAILED: 07/11/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office**

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

[Handwritten signature]

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

20

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Please see attached.

Application/Control Number:

Page 2

Art Unit: 3612

Attachment to PTO-90 of paper no. 20

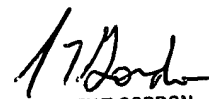
Pursuant to applicant's request filed 6/28/02, action by the Office is suspended on this application under 37CFR1.103(a) for a period of 6 months. At the end of this period, applicant is required to notify the examiner and request continuance of prosecution or a further suspension.

See MPEP section 709.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gordon whose telephone number is (703) 308-2556.

stg

July 9, 2003

 7/9/03
STEPHEN T. GORDON
PRIMARY EXAMINER